

### **REMARKS**

Claims 22, 25, 27, and 30 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 22 and 30 are the only claims in independent form.

Applicant affirms the election made during a telephone conversation on March 28, 2005, electing Group II, claims 22, 25, 27, and 30. Applicant notes the withdrawal of claims 1-21, 28-29, and 31-32 from prosecution. Applicant retains the right to prosecute the subject matter of the withdrawn claims in subsequent applications.

Independent claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being alternatively anticipated by United States Patent Nos. 5,500,221 to Murata, et al., 6,268,396 to Nu, et al., and/or 6,096,742 to Crocker, et al. The Office Action notes in each of the rejections, as well as in the Response to Arguments section, that the instant independent claim recites "a medicine suppository comprising", which is open to valproate and other ingredients. Applicant has amended claim 22 to include closed language, thereby distinguishing over each of the cited references. It is respectfully submitted that no prior art reference discloses a medicine suppository consisting essentially of a medication selected from the group consisting of valproate, sodium valproate, and valproate salts. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant has overcome all rejections based on prior art.

In conclusion, the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

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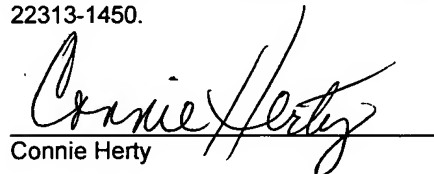


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